

this goal. This title benefits the oil and gas industry without providing any benefit for taxpayers—these royalties are, after all, rent payments for the privilege of extracting energy resources from publicly owned land. Again, I am disappointed that the rule did not allow members to consider separately these questionable royalty relief provisions.

TRIBUTE TO JEFF EAGER

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank a member of my Washington, D.C. staff for his years of service to me and to the people of the Second District of Oregon.

Jeff was raised in Central Oregon, graduating from Mountain View High School and then Willamette University. Upon graduating from college, he embarked to Washington, D.C. to begin his public service as a staff member to my predecessor, then-House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith. Jeff honed his skills in the Congress immediately.

Upon my election to Congress, I was fortunate to successfully recruit Jeff and he joined my staff the day I took office in 1999. He started out as a legislative assistant. Jeff is a quick study, Mr. Speaker. He tackled some of the most complex and vexing issues that face Oregonians and Americans. From how we safely dispose of chemical nerve agents in Eastern Oregon to how we get better quality and more affordable health care to rural America, Jeff learned these issues quickly and worked on creative solutions.

Within a year, Jeff added the title of press secretary to his resume. Now, I have to tell you there's probably nothing more challenging than being a press secretary to a Member of Congress who was a press secretary to a Member of Congress. Jeff rose to the challenge quickly and, frankly, made a difficult job look easy. He got to know the reporters and editors in my district and understood their needs and their deadlines. He excelled at the press secretary duties while continuing to work on his portfolio of legislative issues.

This week Jeff leaves the Nation's capital to return to Oregon where he will attend law school at the University of Oregon. I know he will do as well pursuing a legal career as he did in his work for me. While I wish him every success it goes without saying he will be difficult to replace. Jeff, thank you for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAKE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fifth Annual Academic Achievement and Recognition Ceremony, being sponsored by the Lake City Housing Authority for the

housing resident students of Lake City, Johnsonville, and Kingstree. This special ceremony will be held on August 5, 2001 in Lake City, South Carolina.

The purpose of the ceremony is to honor housing residents who have achieved academic excellence during the prior school year, and to recognize those who have obtained high school diplomas or college degrees. Special recognition will also be given to several individuals who ranked at the top of their classes. This innovative event has become an anticipated occasion for both the housing residents and the community. I commend Mr. Ronald L. Poston, Executive Director of the Lake City Housing Authority, and the Board of Commissioners of the Authority for instigating this creative, community-oriented occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring the Fifth Annual Academic Achievement and Recognition Ceremony. It is events such as this that hold our communities together, strengthen our future, and promote our values. I sincerely thank Mr. Ronald Poston and the Board of Commissioners of the Lake City Housing Authority for designing and implementing this innovative and important ceremony, and congratulate those students who will receive recognition this year.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW WOODSON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable young man and his contributions to the seventh district of Virginia. Andrew Woodson has been a servant of the people, tackling any challenge handed him during his service in my Washington, DC office.

Andrew cares about the people of the district, and it shows in his dedication and perseverance. Mr. Speaker, Andrew has been a remarkable addition to the office and his service is appreciated.

Andrew will be leaving Capitol Hill to pursue his law degree at the University of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in wishing Andrew Woodson luck at UVA and to thank him for his hard work and dedication during his service to the seventh district.

TRIBUTE TO IRENE DICKERSON ROGERS

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Irene Dickerson Rogers of Pelzer, South Carolina. Mrs. Rogers has led an extraordinary life of service to our state and to our country.

An educator for the past 61 years, Mrs. Rogers has extended her time and talents to students ranging from elementary to high school. Of her 61 years spent teaching, 43 were in the public school system of Anderson County, the rest of the time she led adult education classes. A mathematics major with

a degree from Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina, Mrs. Rogers has spent the majority of her career as an educator in the field of mathematics. While most of her years teaching mathematics were spent with middle and high school students, Mrs. Rogers has also generously given her time teaching classes to help better prepare adults entering into job fields associated with higher mathematical skills.

I am exceptionally proud, Mr. Speaker, to make special note that Mrs. Rogers was recently and deservedly awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, one of the most prestigious awards from the South Carolina Governor. The order of the Silver Crescent is reserved for those South Carolinians who have demonstrated service to our state well beyond their call of duty. With over 61 years of service in education to the Palmetto State, Mrs. Rogers has not only demonstrated remarkable energy and love of her job, but has set an example for all of us to follow. Her belief that each student should be given the maximum opportunity to succeed has left a mark on the schools for whom she has worked, and more importantly, on the students, parents, and communities to whom she has given so much of her time.

I believe it to be of the utmost importance to recognize that not only did Mrs. Rogers directly impact the education of the students in her classroom, but her dedication to her students has impacted the lives of the families and communities within and around the schools. As a teacher, Mrs. Rogers imparted valuable knowledge to her students; as a South Carolinian she has demonstrated drive and dedication in ensuring a bright future for our state that makes us all proud.

Today Mrs. Rogers is an active member of the Pelzer, South Carolina community. A mother of three and a grandmother of two, Mrs. Rogers continues to pass along her love of teaching to her family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that this body will join me today in honoring Mrs. Irene Dickerson Rogers.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION NAMING THE "FRANK R. LAUTENBERG AVIATION SECURITY COMPLEX"

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation to designate Buildings 315, 318 and 319 located at the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center in my district as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex." As Chairman of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Lautenberg worked to secure funding to provide for the creation and building of this complex. Due to his tireless efforts on this and other aviation security matters, and for his distinguished service in the Senate, it is fitting to name the complex after Senator Lautenberg.

Throughout his career, Senator Lautenberg was acutely aware of the need for greater vigilance and development of ever more sophisticated and effective technologies and methodologies to counter terrorist threats directed